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Mr. Robert D. Lynn
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Dear Mr. Lynn:

Thank you for your January 8 letter regarding closure of the Jackpile-Paguate Mine, Pueblo of Laguna Uranium Leases 1, 4, and 8. Your letter complies with the provisions of 25 CFR 177.9(d)(1).

Cessation of all operations at the Jackpile-Paguate Mine prior to approval of a reclamation plan will create an interim period during which the leaseholds will be temporarily abandoned. Under the provisions of 30 CFR 231.40 and 231.41, the following temporary abandonment procedures must be implemented upon cessation of all mining and mining related operations.

1. Notify the District Mining Supervisor of the date of the last ore shipment from the Mine.
2. To prevent unauthorized access to areas disturbed by mining, maintain security personnel, procedures and facilities including, but not limited to,
 - a) inspection and maintenance of all fences and locked gates;
 - b) installation of adequate fences and locked gates at the open-pit entries indicated on the enclosed maps;
 - c) installation and/or maintenance of adequate fences and/or locked gates around and at all underground mine entries (adits, declines, ventilation shafts, etc.);
 - d) maintenance of adequate security personnel at the Mine at all times; and
 - e) implementation of procedures and installation and maintenance of facilities necessary to prevent livestock from entering areas disturbed by mining.

3. Continue all on-going environmental monitoring programs (air, water, subsidence, etc.), and continue submittal of all monitoring data according to established schedules. Submittals must include the annual reclamation report.
4. Repair and maintain berms along the Rio Paguate to prevent the entry of surface runoff from protore stockpiles into the watercourse.
5. Periodically inspect all highwalls to identify any potential hazards due to highwall failure. Provide the District Mining Supervisor written notification of any potential hazards identified.
6. Do not remove any mining or mining related equipment (trucks, shovels, bulldozers, loaders, scanners, conveyor belts, crushers, material sorters, etc.) without prior written approval from the District Mining Supervisor.
7. Do not remove any temporary or permanent structures (mobile offices, powder magazines, guard houses, storage buildings, railroad spur, houses, offices, shop buildings, etc.) without prior written approval from the District Mining Supervisor.
8. It is not necessary to submit the updated mine maps required by 30 CFR 231.12 in January 1982. Instead, submit updated maps of all surface and underground mine workings to the District Mining Supervisor within 30 days of cessation of all mining and mining related operations.
9. The movement of Jackpile Sandstone waste from U, T and N Dumps into the Jackpile Pit was authorized January 8, 1982. There will be no movement of any other waste, protore or other material without prior written approval from the District Mining Supervisor.
10. All existing main entries (i.e., decline, adits and main haulage drifts) of the NJ-45, P-10 and P-13 Mines must be maintained including ventilation and pumping equipment and ground support.
11. Continue the location, abandonment and reclamation of all exploration boreholes and drilling sites. Within 30 days of cessation of all mining and mining related operations, provide the District Mining Supervisor with a report on the status of the borehole abandonment program.

The above procedures must be continued until approval of a reclamation plan for the Jackpile-Paguate Mine. If you have any questions about the procedures, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

(ORIG. SGD.) DALE C. JONES

Dale C. Jones
District Mining Supervisor

Enclosures (2 maps)

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